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PRODUCTS AND TOMATO CONCENTRATES FROM ITALY

1. TREASURY WILL PUBLISH IN NOVEMBER 11 FEDERAL REGISTER A
NOTICE OF THE REINSTITUTION OF A COUNTERVAILING DUTY
INVESTIGATION OF TOMATO PRODUCTS AND TOMATO CONCENTRATES
EXPORTED FROM ITALY TO THE U.S. A PETITION WAS RECEIVED
FROM THE CANNERS LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA ON JULY 2, 1976,
ALLEGING THAT BOUNTIES OR GRANTS WERE BEING BESTOWED ON
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TOMATO PRODUCTS FROM ITALY BY REASON OF A PAYMENT TO

PROCESSORS AND/OR COOPERATIVES CONTINGENT ON THEIR PAYING A SET MINIMUM PRICE TO TOMATO GROWERS. A PRELIMINARY COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION WILL BE REQUIRED ON JANUARY 2, 1977, AND A FINAL DETERMINATION BY JULY 2, 1977.

2. COUNTERVAILING DUTIES WERE ASSESSED ON TOMATO PRODUCTS AND TOMATO CONCENTRATES FROM ITALY IN APRIL 1968 UNDER TREASURY DECISION 68-112. NEW COUNTERVAILING DUTY RATES WERE ESTABLISHED IN 1969 AND 1970. IN SEPTEMBER 1972 THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDER WAS DISCONTINUED FOR TOMATO PRODUCTS AND TOMATO CONCENTRATES SHIPPED DIRECTLY

TO THE U.S. FROM ITALY AS OF JULY 15, 1971, AND A NEW COUNTERVAILING DUTY RATE WAS ESTABLISHED FOR TOMATO PRODUCTS TRANSSHIPPED THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. 1975 U.S. IMPORTS OF SUBJECT MERCHANDISE WERE VALUED AT \$7.3 MILLION.

4. ITALIAN EMBASSY AND EC DELEGATION HAVE BEEN INFORMED. A PRESS RELEASE WILL BE ISSUED AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 10. KISSINGER

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